

If the present ministry should not have resolution enough to abandon the path of their predecessors, I cannot blame them.

The least knowing of you, can scarcely be ignorant, that the circumstances of the nation are now very different from what they were when annual parliaments obtained among us. At that time, the House of Commons was little else than a mere implement in the legislature. The civil subjection of its members, deprived it of all political importance. In consequence of the diffusion of property, it acquired political importance, and being cured of republican whimsies, has fixed the constitution at the true poise of a mixed government. This poise produced a coincidence of the principal rights and interests of the whole